

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 1-7. Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2. Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Office Action also requires a new title for the specification. With this Response, pending claims 1, 3, 6, and 7 have been amended, claim 5 has been canceled, and the title of the specification has been amended.

A. New Title

The Office Action requires that Applicants amend the title of the invention. Accordingly, with this Response, Applicants have amended the specification, and the title now reads: System And Method For Providing Image Forming Composition On A Substrate Using A Drop On Demand Ink Printer.

B. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 as being incomplete for omitting essential steps. With this Response, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite method steps. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments to claim 1 overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 rejection.

C. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor et al. (EP 0109242 A2) in view of Ikado (US 5724080 A). Applicants note that claims 5 -7 were

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not rejected. Accordingly, with this Response, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 5.

Because claim 1 now includes features (from claim 5) that were not rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 has been amended to overcome the obviousness rejection of the Office Action, and that amended claim 1, along with associated dependent claims 2-4, 6, and 7, are now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed above. A Notice of Allowance is therefore requested. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicants at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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